

CLAIMS

1. Method for the treatment of  
5 polyacrylonitrile fibre containing vinyl acetate as a  
comonomer, characterised in that it comprises the contact  
of the fibre with an enzyme solution in order to modify the  
chemical surface of the fibre, increasing the number of  
hydrophilic hydroxyl groups.

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2. Method according to claim 1, characterised  
in that it comprises the treatment of the polyacrylonitrile  
fibre containing vinyl acetate as comonomer with an enzyme  
with esterase action.

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3. Method according to claim 1, characterised  
in that the enzyme contains the catalytic triad of serine-  
histidine-aspartic acid.

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4. Method according to claim 1, characterised in  
that the enzyme esterase is a hydrolase that degrades  
cutine.

5. Method according to claim 1, characterised by  
25 the use of an amount of enzyme between 1 and 400 g of  
protein per Kg of fibre.

6. Method for the treatment method of polyamide  
fibre, characterised in that it comprises the contact of

the fibre with an enzyme solution in order to modify the chemical surface of the fibre, increasing the number of hydrophilic amino groups.

5                    7. Method according to claim 6, characterised in that it comprises the treatment of the polyamide fibre with an enzyme with esterase action.

10                   8. Method according to claim 6, characterised in that the enzyme contains the catalytic triad of serine-histidine-aspartic acid.

15                   9. Method according to claim 6, characterised in that the enzyme esterase is a hydrolase that degrades cutine.

20                   10. Method according to claim 6, characterised by the use of an amount of enzyme between 1 and 400 g of protein per Kg of fibre.

                  11. Method according to claims 1 and 6, characterised by the use of a treatment bath with a retrievable and reusable enzyme.